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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE GENERAL HOSPITALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Health
2 Care Access, in consultation with the Departments of Public Health
3 and Social Services, may authorize up to four demonstration projects
4 permitting the creation of a distinct, long-term acute care hospital
5 within a licensed short-term acute care general hospital in order to
6 study the quality of service, patient outcomes and the cost-
7 effectiveness of long-term acute care hospitals. Such demonstration
8 project shall be designed to serve a population of persons who require
9 long-term hospitalization in an acute care setting.

10 (b) On or before January 1, 2005, any hospital licensed as a short-
11 term acute care general hospital or a children's hospital, together with
12 the entity to be responsible for operating the long-term acute care
13 hospital, may apply for a certificate of need from the office to establish
14 a demonstration project. Each demonstration project authorized by the
15 office pursuant to this section shall collect and report on data
16 concerning the demonstration project's cost-effectiveness and impact

17 on the quality of service and patient outcomes. Such data shall include
 18 (1) length of stay, (2) number of intensive care days per patient, (3) cost
 19 of stay, (4) type of discharge, and (5) any other data requested by the
 20 Commissioner of Health Care Access. Such data shall be reported in
 21 the manner prescribed by such commissioner.

22 (c) The Department of Public Health shall license long-term acute
 23 care hospitals established pursuant to this section as separate
 24 institutions, notwithstanding their location within an institution
 25 licensed as a short-term acute care general hospital or children's
 26 hospital. The long-term acute care hospital shall comply with the
 27 short-term acute care general hospital regulatory requirements as set
 28 forth in sections 19-13-D3 or 19-13-D4a of the Public Health Code,
 29 except that such department may waive any of said requirements if the
 30 department determines that such requirements are not applicable to
 31 the operation of a long-term acute care hospital. If it is in the best
 32 interest of the patients' health, safety and welfare, the department may
 33 adopt additional regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
 34 chapter 54 of the general statutes, regarding long-term acute care
 35 hospitals. Each long-term acute care hospital licensed in accordance
 36 with this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 368v
 37 of the general statutes.

38 (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access,
 39 in consultation with the Departments of Public Health and Social
 40 Services, shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 41 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 42 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and human
 43 services concerning recommendations regarding long-term acute care
 44 hospitals within short-term acute care hospitals or children's hospitals.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish several demonstration projects of long-term acute care hospitals within short-term acute care hospitals or children's hospitals to study the benefits of such facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]